

WEEK #6 ASSIGNMENT

Part of 10% Individual Assignment

Half-Way There Assignment

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Database Management – Fall 2013

Assignment Type:

• Individual – Prepare and submit your results independently

Date Due:

• Thursday, October 17th by the end of the day

Instructions:

- Please submit your assignment electronically through eConestoga.
- Assignments should be submitted as Microsoft Word files using the course coversheet format. You MUST include your query as text in the Word document as well as a <u>FULL screenshot</u> of your SSMS screen (screen capture the entire application screen including the title bar through the bottom of the window). Multiple screenshots may be required.
- If you are using external sources (images, text, etc.) you must reference them as part of your assignment and not copy them as-is.
- Best practice is to research your answers and then write the response to the question in your own words.
- Please include the question number with your responses.

Late Assignment Penalty:

Days Late	Penalty %
1	5
2	10
3	20
4	40
5	60
6	80
7	100

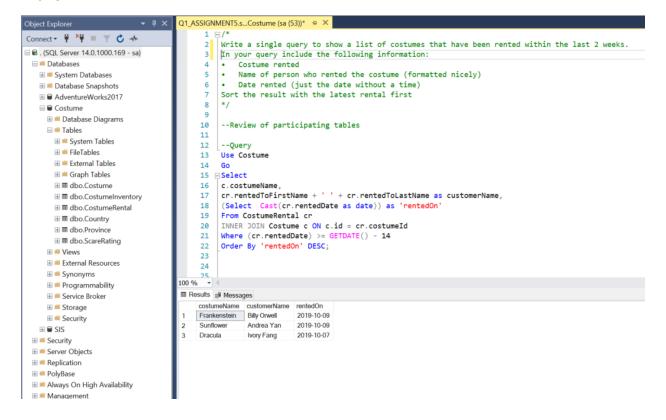
Assignment Questions

NOTE: Use the <u>Costume</u> database to answer *all* of these questions

Question #	Question		Score
1	Write a single query to show a list of costumes that have been rented within		
	the last 2 weeks. In your query include the following information:		
	Costume rented		
	 Name of person who rented the cos 	tume (formatted nicely)	
	 Date rented (just the date without a 	ı time)	
	Sort the result with the latest rental first		
2	Describe what NULL represents related to d	atabases. Compare it to o	other 4
	possible values that could be used in a data		
3	What T-SQL data type would you use to stor	e the following informati	ion and 7
	why would you use it?		
	a) A value that can be either true or fa		
	b) A value that's a very large number u	ised for scientific purpose	es es
	c) The age of a person		
	d) The cost of items at a supermarket	color colinco will occur	
	e) Values to represent when the next sf) A list of ingredients for pumpkin pie		
	g) A Word document		
4	Answer these questions using the following	nartial table of dog breed	ds: 6
-	id name size		origin
			nada, UK
	2 Bulldog Medium	Brown, White	UK
	3 German Shepherd Large		ermany
	4 Rajapalayam Large	White I	India
	a) What are the various candidate key	s for this table?	
	b) Are each of these keys natural keys or surrogate keys?		
	c) What would make the best choice f		•
5	Describe what a database foreign key is and	give a real-life example of	of one. 4
6	What will the following query retrieve?		4
	CELECT COSTUMONOMO		
	SELECT costumeName FROM dbo.Costume		
	WHERE id IN (SELECT costu	meId	
	FROM dbo.C	ostumeRental	
		nedDate IS NOT N	
	AND r	eturnDamaged = 1	L)
7	Re-write the following query using an IN sta	tement:	2
	write the following query using all IN sta	terricit.	
	SELECT costumeName		
	FROM dbo.Costume		
	WHERE colour = 'Brown'		
	OR colour = 'Black' OR colour = 'Green'		
	OR colour = 'White'		
	on colour - wille		

8	Write a query to retrieve the top 60% of all costumes that have a mask in their costume description. Provide the following information: Costume Name Costume Description Costume Colour Number of pieces Number currently in stock The date it was last rented Order the single set of results by costume name. Note that there may costumes that have not been rented so take that into account	6
9	Describe 5 traits of good SQL coding style	5
10	Write a query that simply gives us (from a single query) the total number of costumes that are in-stock, the total number that are on-order and the total number that have been lost. Be sure to include appropriate column heading names in your query.	3
11	Write a query to update the costume rental information. Rachel Scruff just now returned the costume that she had rented and it is damaged. Include a comment that she claims it was damaged before she rented it. In your results show your update statement and then write a SELECT statement to show that the data has been updated in the table.	4
12	We need to remove all of the data from a table in the database that has lots and lots of data. What's the quickest way to clear it all out so that no rollback log is created?	2
13	Write a single query that retrieves the costumes names and how many times that they've been rented as shown in the CostumeRental table. Sort the results by the number of times that they've been rented and then secondarily within the same query by costume name. Note that this is a bit tricky so a) Start building your SQL in steps to help get you what you need and b) don't forget to include costumes that have never been rented. This should result in 12 rows being returned.	6
14	Write a query that would create a brand new table of costumes named "ScaryCostumes" that include only those that are rated at "Scary" or above on the scare-factor. Include the following information in the new table: • Costume Name • Costume Description • UPC Code	3
	Total	60
	Total From In-Class Component	20
	Grand Total	80

Answer1:



Answer2:

Missing Value: In the world of database, **NULL** handles the concept of missing values in a record. It is used to signify missing or unknown values.

In day to day life, there are many situations when data for a field in a record is not available may be because user did not provide the information, or the information just does not exist.

NULL is tricky as no two NULLs are equal. It makes sense as if SQL start making two NULL equal then it will produce unwanted results in which all NULLs are same which would have been disastrous.

Because Two NULLs are never equal, therefore in order to test if field's value is equal to NULL then it should be done using IS NULL and IS NOT NULL operators provided in SQL instead of '=' or '! ='.

IS NULL and IS NOT NULL operators knows how to deal with missing values a.k.a. NULL value.

Answer3:

- a. Bit: As only true or false value need to be stored. Therefore, BIT data type is recommended.
- b. Float: Scientific numbers generally are real values. That is why Float data type is recommended.
- c. Small Int: As age of Sapiens is expected to be around 120 yrs at most.

- **d. Small Money:** In RDBMS, any amount which represent price represented in local currency can be handled nicely by using Money data types.
- e. **Datatime**: In order to provide complete information about timing of solar eclipse, you will need date as well as time. Therefore, datetime.
- f. **NVarchar**: List of ingredients usually are limited and could also contain characters from Non-ASCII set of numbers such as special characters. That is why NVarchar is recommended.
- **g. NText:** A word document could be very long and can contain special characters and accents. Therefore, T-SQL data type NText is best suitable for this job.

Answer4:

- **a. Candidate Keys:** Except ID and Name columns, all other columns have low-cardinality levels therefore unfit for candidate key.
 - a. Id: Simple, System generated
 - **b.** Name + Origin: Breed name generally are Unique but in order to remove ambiguity, therefore Name + Origin is being recommended are Composite Candidate Key.
- b. Candidate keys have both surrogate keys and natural keys.
 - a. ID is a surrogate key
 - b. Name + Origin: Composite Primary Key
- c. **ID** because it is numeric and simple.

Answer5:

Foreign Key: Concept of foreign keys comes when we need to retrieve information by joining more than one tables. In those scenarios, **Primary Key of a table A** becomes **foreign key of another table B**, if table B would like to use records of table A.

OR

When one or more columns in a table refer to the primary key in another table. Foreign Key a.k.a. **Referencing Key.** The table containing the foreign key is called the child table.

Example:

Let's take two tables for example, one representing Student while other represent course taken by the student.

The "StudentID" columns in the "Student" table is the PRIMARY KEY in the "Student" table.

The "StudentID" column in the "CourseEnrolled" table is a FOREIGN KEY in the "CourseEnrolled" table.

The FOREIGN KEY constraint makes sure that LINK between 'Student' table and 'CourseEnrolled' table is healthy and data 'CourseEnrolled' table is not stale or corrupted.

The FOREIGN KEY constraint also prevents invalid data from being inserted into the foreign key column, because it must be one of the values contained in the table it points to.

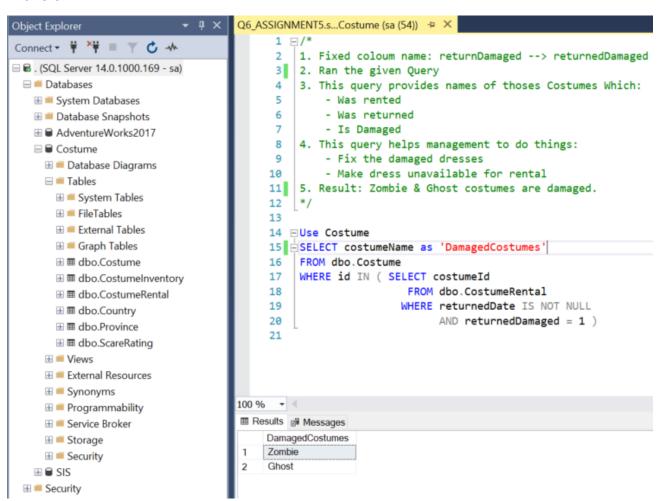
StudentID	LastName	FirstName	Age	
780554	Zhang	Larry	30	
785468	Hansen	Tom	24	
568797	Malhotra	Rohan	26	

Table: Student

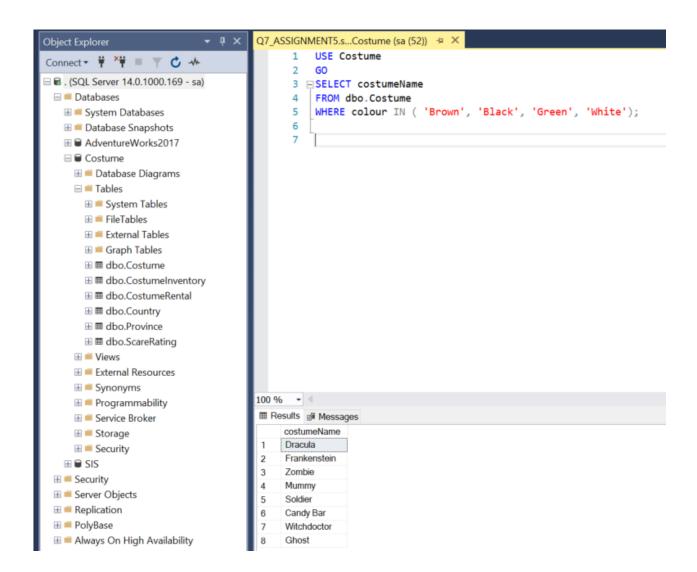
OrderNumber	StudentID	CourseTaken
1	780554	Mobile Application Development
2	780554	Web Technologies
3	785468	Programming Database

Table: CourseEnrolled

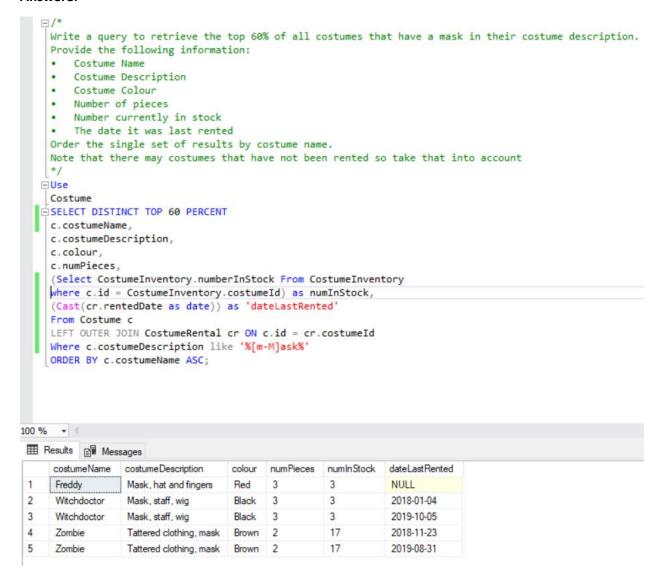
Answer6:



Answer7:



Answer8:



Answer 9: Software companies now a days spends huge time and energy to templatize coding styles with in the company. Recent research done by Basalaj et. al. (Basalaj, W., & van den Beuken, F. (2006)). proved both qualitative and quantitively the direct relationship between Coding Standards Compliance and Quality of the software produced.

Principle of coding standards extends to the world of T-SQL as well and few recommended coding standards of SQL are:

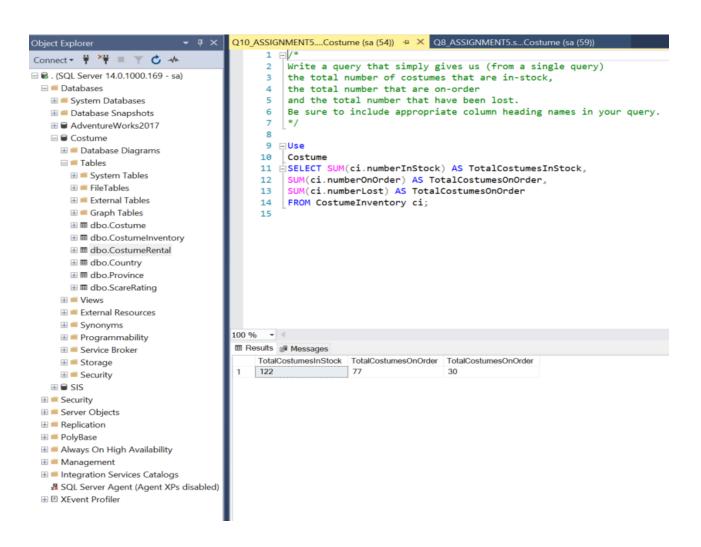
1. When writing query, always write DB name in the beginning of query for example:

Use dbo.Student

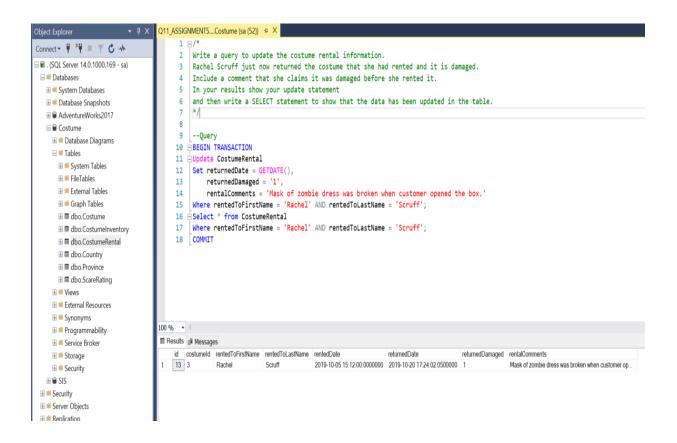
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- 2. Always comment you SQL where it is appropriate. Brief multiline description of what the query does is expected.
- 3. Do not use Alias names for the columns which has space in its name. For instance:
 - a. "FirstName" → Recommended
 - b. "First Name" → Not Recommended
- 4. Use "camelCase" identifiers.
- 5. Use uppercase SQL keywords and functions.
- 6. Use meaningful names and identifiers (singular nouns).
- 7. Breakdown Query into multiple lines.

Answer10:



Answer11:



Answer12:

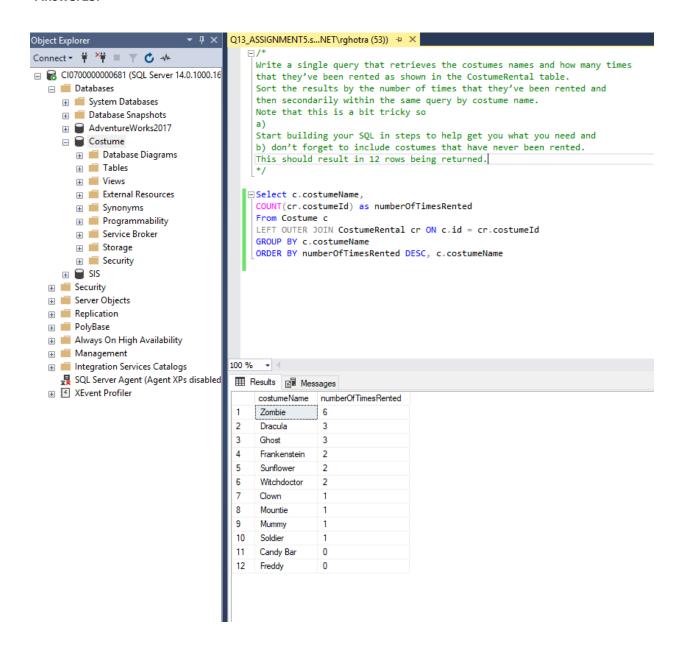
Quickest way to clear a table with no rollback log is TRUNCATE.

TRUNCATE is faster than DELETE.

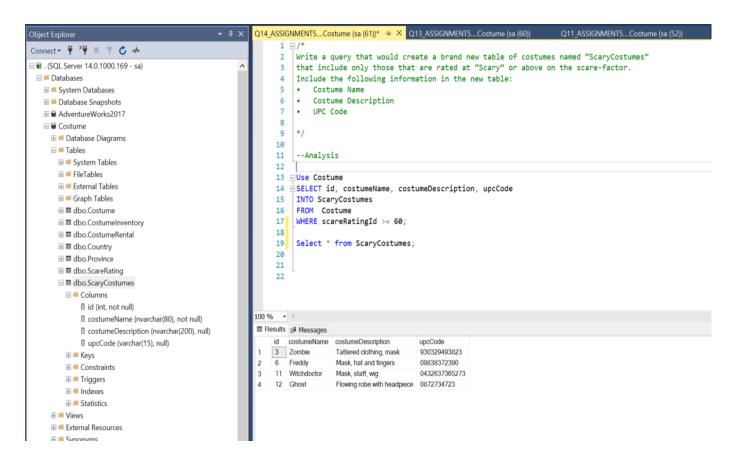
TRUNCATE is not Logged.

TRUNCATE perform deletion on each row of the table. No condition clause allowed.

Answer13:



Answer14:



References:

•	Basalaj, W., & van den Beuken, F. (2006). Correlation between coding standards compliance and
	software quality. White paper, Programming Research Ltd.